

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
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DESKTOP THERMAL LENS MICROSCOPE
APPARATUS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents.
Washington, D.C.
Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claim 4 as follows.

4. (Amended) A method for performing a chemical analysis, characterized by including a step of performing a chemical analysis of a very small value of quantity in a micro spatial region on a chip with the use of the desktop thermal lens microscope according to claim 1.

ATTACHMENT D